

# 2016

# Coastal Grants

Illinois Department of Natural Resources  
Coastal Management Program  
December 10, 2015



# Introductions



# What we will cover today

- Brief overview of Coastal Management Program
- Changes from last round
- 2016 Grant Program Overview
- Small Grants
- Question and Answer

# Illinois Coastal Management Program



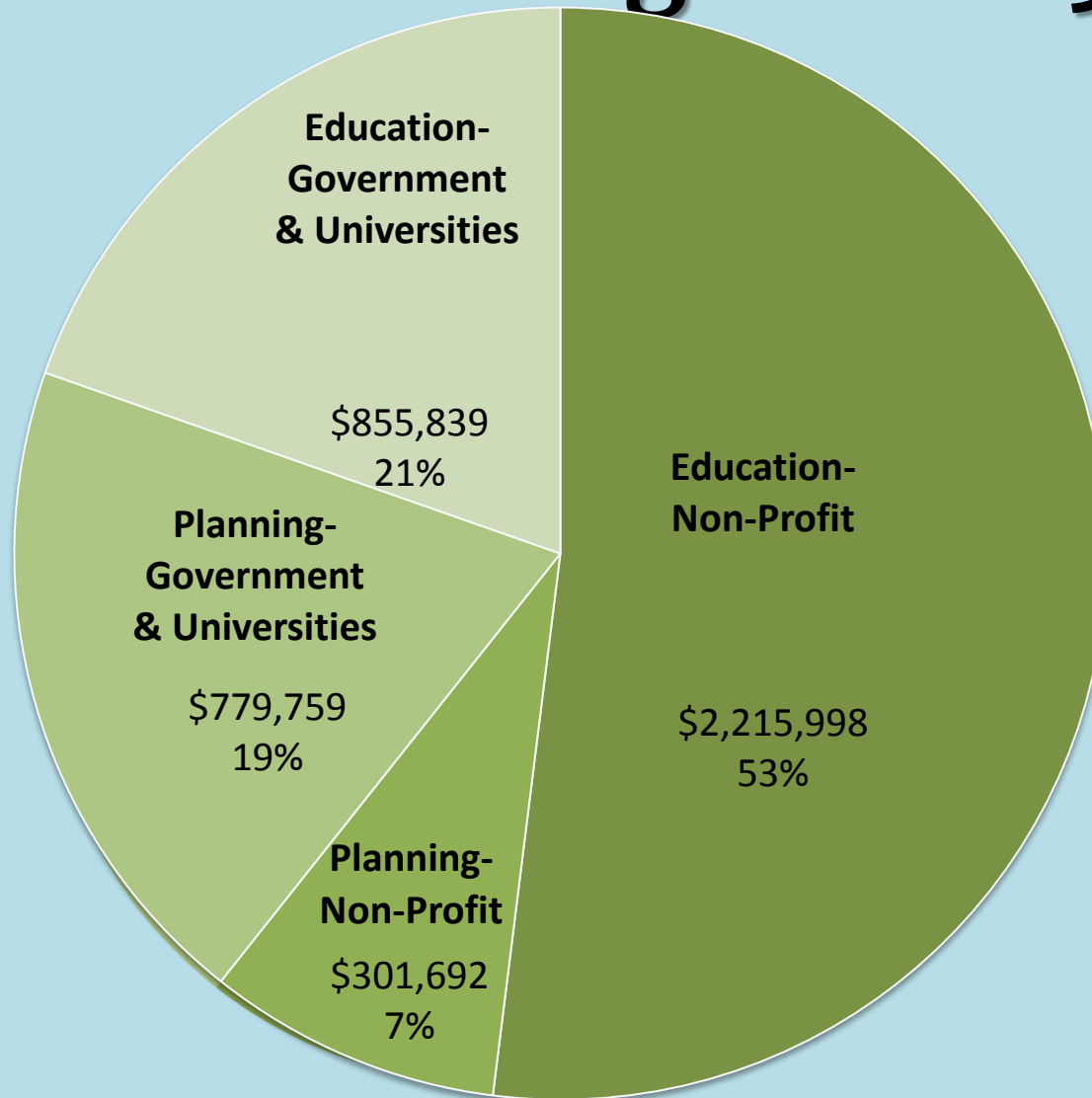
**Purpose:** Protect, restore, and manage the Illinois Lake Michigan Coast for current and future generations

# IL Coastal Grant Program 2013-2014

## Our program so far....

- 4 Grant Cycles
- Over \$4.4 million dollars awarded
- 76 grants to 50 grantees (some grantees have received more than one grant)
- **Range:** \$3,000 to \$150,000
- **Median:** \$49,254      **Average:** \$57,950
- 49 Education Projects, 15 Planning Projects, 9 Small Grants and 3 Habitat Projects

# IL Coastal Grant Program 2013-2015



Breakdown of grant funding for sustainable coastal planning and environmental education and outreach



# Changes from Previous Rounds

- No Habitat Restoration grants
- Indirect costs can now be included as grant expenses, not just match
- Letter from landowner REQUIRED for signage or site-scale planning if the applicant does not own the land
- Revised scoring criteria to emphasize program alignment.  
Program alignment is how well the project fits the goals, objectives and guidelines of the grant program. See our grant guidelines booklet for more information
- Updated application materials



# 2016 Grant Program Details

**Application Deadline:** January 29, 2016 by 5pm

**Grant Categories:**      Outreach and Education  
                                 Sustainable Coastal Planning

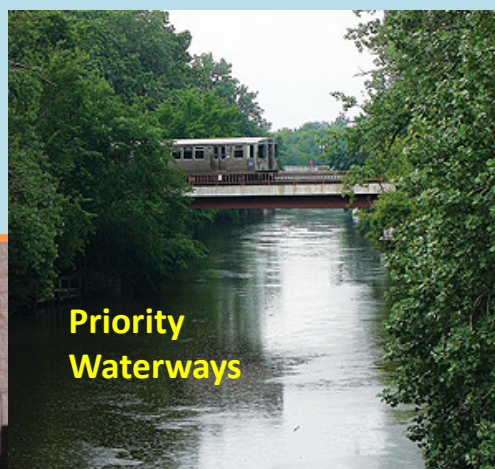
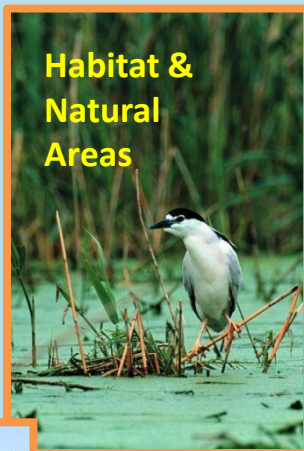
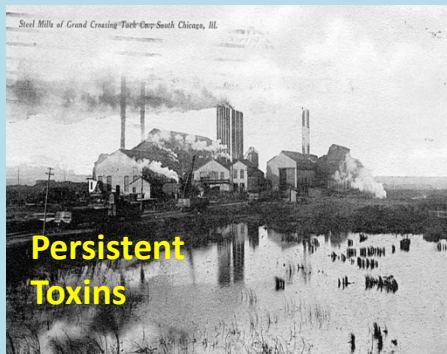
**Grant Amounts:** Large grants \$20,000 to \$100,000  
                                 Small grants \$1000 to \$5000

**Total Funding Available:** Past rounds have awarded between  
\$550,000 and \$975,000 per funding year

**Applications available at:**  
<http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/Pages/grants.aspx>



# Projects must address an Environmental Priority





# Stakeholder Priorities



## Throughout the Coastal Zone:

- Wetland & riparian habitat restoration
- Green infrastructure to reduce stormwater
- Improve invasive species control



# See Grant Guidelines for full list!

the Illinois Coast and the entire Coastal Zone are presented below (Table 1). Applicants should make it clear in the project narrative whether the project addresses a stakeholder priority for its region and which priority is addressed.

Table 1. Stakeholder-Identified Priorities for each section of the Illinois Coastal Zone. See: <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/cmp/Pages/ILMIP.aspx> for more details.

<b>Lake County and North Shore</b>
<b>Top Priorities</b>
Improve the connectivity among core areas of natural lands
Increase recreational access to waterways and beaches
Link water and land-based trails and facilities
<b>Secondary Priorities</b>
Coordinate management of natural lands, using targeted restoration to improve ecological conditions
Restore and improve riparian areas, lakes and streams as habitat for birds and wildlife, including expanding protection and restoration of near shore aquatic habitat
Ensure habitat needs for safe passage of aerial migrants
Promote and improve diverse recreational opportunities
<b>Chicago and Evanston's Lakefront and Waterways</b>
<b>Top Priorities</b>
Improve habitat value of urbanized areas including neighborhoods
Restore and improve riparian areas, lakes and streams as habitat for birds and wildlife, including expanding protection and restoration of near shore aquatic habitat
Use green infrastructure and other strategies to manage storm water, reduce runoff volumes and reduce frequency of untreated sewage release
<b>Secondary Priorities</b>
Improve and coordinate regional collaboration on invasive species management to control terrestrial and aquatic invasive species and improve ecological conditions
Help make beach and water conditions safe for recreational use
Ensure that waterways are not dispersal vectors for aquatic invasive species – including supporting development of environmentally responsible shipping
<b>South Chicago and the Calumet</b>
<b>Top Priorities</b>
Improve hydrologic regimes to more natural conditions
Protect and increase interconnected open space, especially along priority waterways
Support rehabilitation and redevelopment of brownfield and old industrial sites

Table 1 (continued). Stakeholder-Identified Priorities for each section of the Illinois Coastal Zone.

<b>Secondary Priorities</b>
Improve and coordinate regional collaboration on invasive species management to control terrestrial and aquatic invasive species and improve ecological conditions
Ensure habitat needs for safe passage of aerial migrants
Support recreational use of waterways and increase number of public access points
Make water conditions safe for recreational use
<b>Waukegan Harbor Area of Concern (AOC)</b>
<b>Top Priorities</b>
Maintain and improve terrestrial habitat for native plants and animals.
Improve beach health and reduce beach closures.
Reduce impacts of contaminants to humans and wildlife.
<b>Throughout the Illinois Coastal Zone</b>
<b>Top Priorities</b>
Restore and improve riparian areas, lakes and streams as habitat for birds and wildlife, including expanding protection and restoration of near shore aquatic habitat.
Use green infrastructure and other strategies to manage storm water and reduce runoff.
Improve and coordinate regional collaboration on invasive species management to control terrestrial and aquatic invasive species and improve ecological conditions.
<b>Secondary Priorities</b>
Ensure habitat needs for safe passage of aerial migrants.
Prevent bio-accumulative toxins from entering waterways, especially recreational areas.

#### IV. Grant Categories

Projects must fit within the following grant categories. Select the category your project best fits. If you have questions, please contact us. Use the application materials specific to the grant category.

(A) Environmental Education and Outreach (page 5)

(B) Sustainable Coastal Planning (page 7)

##### A) Environmental Education and Outreach

###### Definition

Environmental Education and Outreach are defined under this grant as educational and training activities; outreach; and information dissemination aimed at developing an environmentally literate citizenry with the 1) skills, 2) knowledge, and 3) inclination to make well-informed choices concerning the environment, and that 4) exercises these rights and responsibilities as members of the community. Scientifically-sound information about environmental processes and systems, critical thinking skills, decision-making skills, and personal and civic responsibility are underpinnings of effective environmental education.



# Grant Categories

- Environmental Education and Outreach
- Sustainable Coastal Planning

PLUS- Small Grants!



# Environmental Education



# Environmental Education Definition

- Educational and training activities, outreach, and information dissemination
- Aimed at developing an environmentally literate citizenry
- Encouraging critical thinking skills, personal and civic responsibility, and well-informed choices concerning the environment





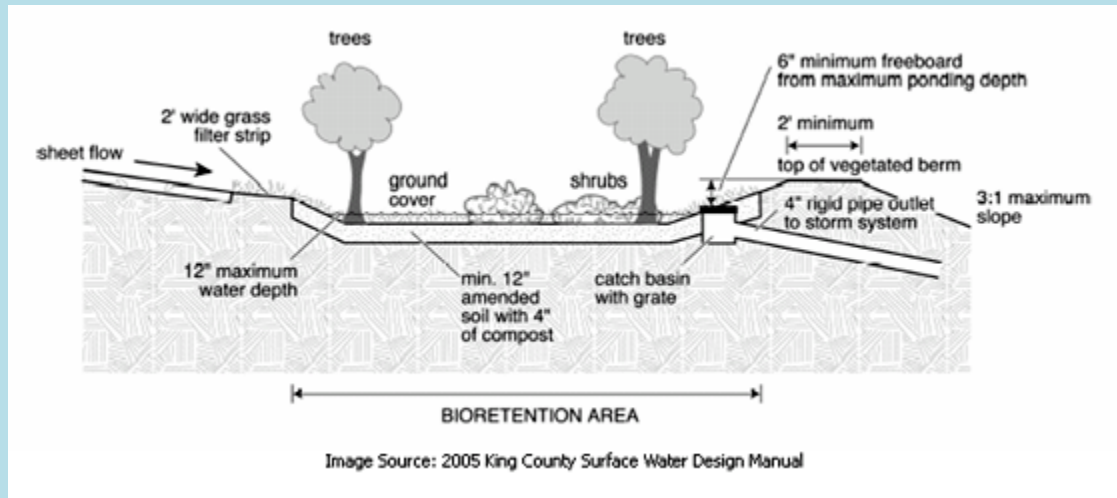
# Educational Project Types

- Community Projects
- Teacher Professional Development
- Outreach Projects
- Permanent Educational Displays- Must be within Coastal Zone in facilities that are open to the public with no fee

**Projects can include more than one component- but often simpler is better**



# Sustainable Coastal Planning



# Sustainable Coastal Planning

- Designed to protect and enhance ecological, social, and economic health
- Goals include managing coastal resources for current and future uses.
- Process identifies community goals and concerns, develops actions or site designs to address these needs, and determines the resources needed to implement the plan.



# **Restrictions to eligibility**

- No research
- Data collection is allowed, but must be necessary for compiling a plan
- Planning grants cannot fund on-the-ground work

# Sustainable Coastal Planning

## Examples include:

- Watershed plans
- Engineering and site plans
- Green infrastructure plans and specifications
- Natural resource conservation plans
- Sustainable development plans for communities or areas



# Grant Program Details

For \$20,000 to \$100,000 proposals





# **Eligible Project Locations**

- Education and Outreach projects - Cook and Lake Counties in IL.

## **Following limited to Illinois Coastal Zone**

- Sustainable Coastal Planning
- Signs and permanent educational displays
- On-the-ground components of education and outreach projects

# Coastal Zone Boundary

## Resources:

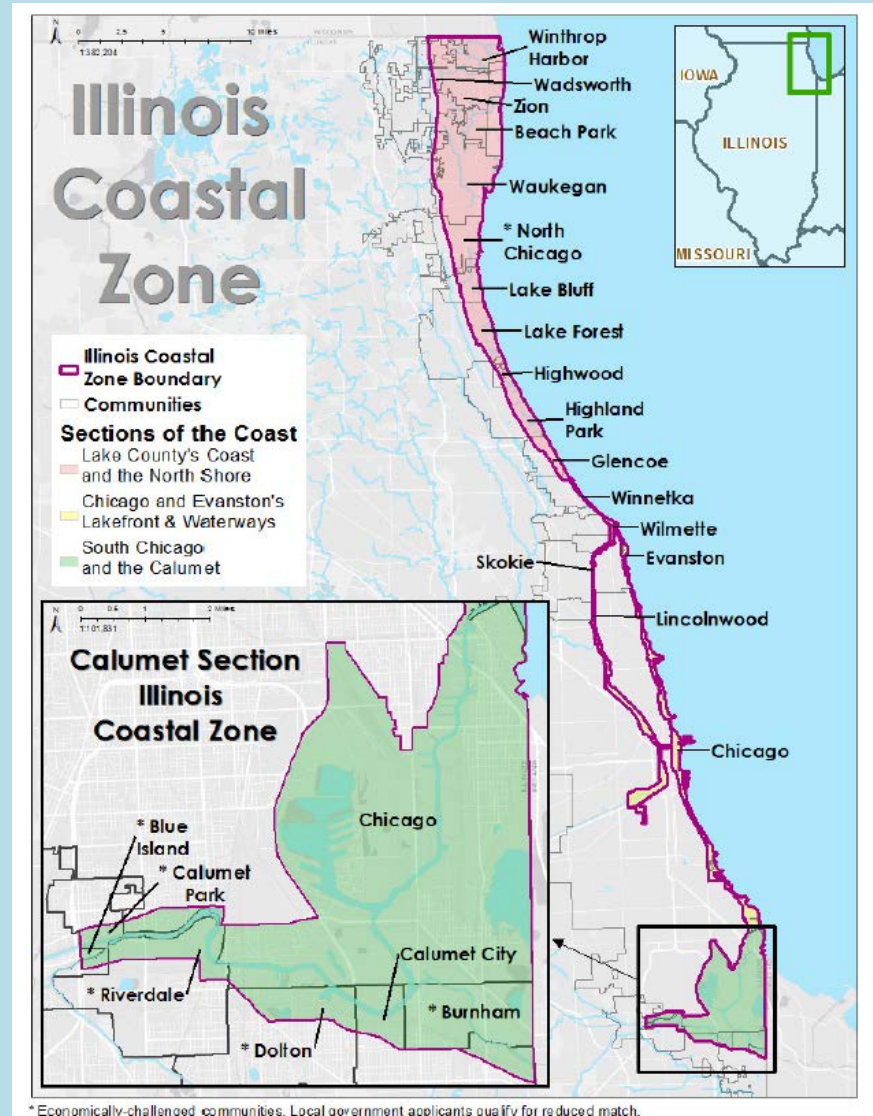
# PDF map

# Zoomable Google Map

# Google Earth Layer

# GIS Layer

# 10-Map Series



# Grant Program Details

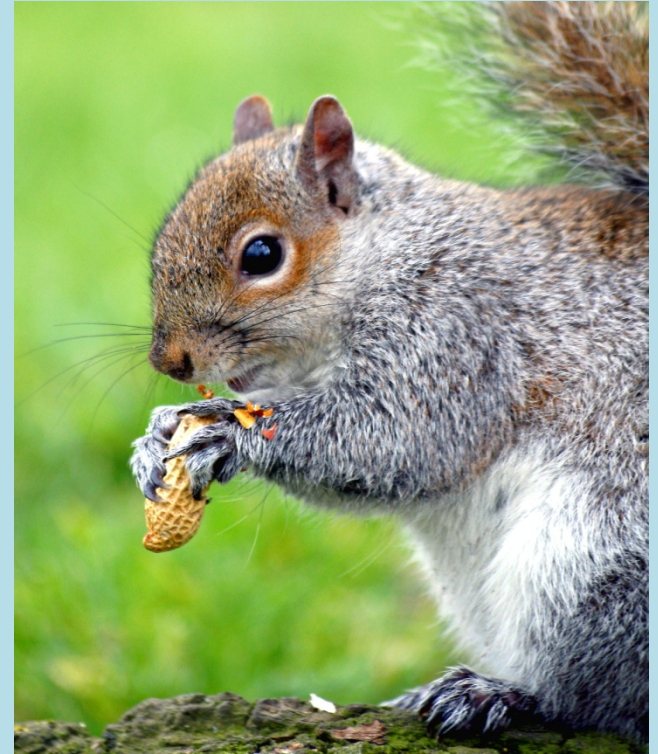
- Reimbursement Grant
- Grant Period: 18 months (Actual timing will depend upon federal funding announcement. Expected grant period Oct 2016 through March 2018)



# Grant Program Details

## Eligible Applicants:

- Units of local government
- Non-profit organizations



**Previous application(s) do not impact eligibility**

# Grant Program Details

- Multiple applications allowed
- Partnerships are encouraged
- Successful applicants must sign a grant agreement
- Grant recipients are required to submit quarterly grant reports





# Match

- 1:1 non-federal match required for most applicants
- Reduced match (1:3, grant is for 75% of total cost) for local governmental applicants in economically-challenged communities
- Cash or in-kind match allowed





# **Economically-Challenged Community List**

\*Blue Island

\*Burnham

\*Calumet City

\*Calumet Park

\*Dolton

\*North Chicago

\*Riverdale

\*Waukegan

\*Zion

Local governmental applicants from these communities  
qualify for reduced match requirement

# More Budget Guidance

## CPA

- Applicants are encouraged to budget for Certified Public Accountant to put together and/or review quarterly reimbursement submissions



# Application Evaluation

- Funds split between planning, education, and small grants—Distribution not pre-determined
- Different scoring rubric for each category
- Will rank all large grant proposals in one list.
- Final decisions will be based upon rankings with some flexibility to attain
  - good geographic distribution
  - mixture of education, planning

# Evaluation Criteria



- Program Alignment- 16 points
- Need- 10 points
- Anticipated Outputs and Outcomes- 10 points
- Capacity and Qualifications of Applicant- 3 points
- Cost Effectiveness and Degree of Impact- 3 points
- Environmental Justice- 3 points
- Feasibility and Timeline- 3 points
- ILMIP Priorities- 3 points
- Partnerships and Local Support- 3 points
- Quality of Proposal- 3 points
- Sound Methods and Science- 3 points

# Environmental Justice

- Address the concerns and needs of population segments which have been disproportionately affected by adverse environmental impacts.
- Focus on geographic areas with concentrated environment hazards
- Projects which extend work into communities historically neglected due to race and class.



# How to Apply

- Grant Guidelines
- Application Packet
  - Application Cover Page
  - Application Form
  - Project Narrative (and Instructions)



The screenshot shows the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) website. The header includes the IDNR logo, navigation links for IDNR Home, Governor Bruce Rauner, Illinois.gov, and DNR A to Z. A horizontal banner features various nature-related images. Below the banner is a navigation menu with links for Natural Resources, Parks/Recreation, Hunting/Trapping, Fishing, Boating, Outreach/Education, and Safety. The main content area is titled "Illinois DNR Coastal Management Program" and highlights the "2016-RFP". It lists the application deadline as January 29, 2016, at 5:00 pm. Downloadable resources include the Education and Outreach Application Packet (.zip), Sustainable Coastal Planning Application Packet (.zip), Grants Guidelines (.pdf), an optional Letter of Commitment Form for partners (.pdf), and an Excel version of the detailed project budget (.zip). A note mentions that projects under \$5000 can use a Small Grants application page. At the bottom, it provides information for a Grant Information Session on December 10, 2016, and a contact email: DNR.CMP@Illinois.gov.

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**2016-RFP**

**Application Deadline January 29, 2016 - 5:00 pm**

Education and Outreach Application Packet (.zip)  
Sustainable Coastal Planning Application Packet (.zip)  
Grants Guidelines (.pdf)

Optional: Letter of Commitment Form for partners(.pdf)

Excel version detailed project budget (.zip)

For projects under \$5000 click [HERE](#) for our Small Grants application page.

Grant Information Session: December 10, 2016, 3:30 - 5pm, Room 31, 9th Floor Thompson Center. RSVP to [DNR.CMP@Illinois.gov](mailto:DNR.CMP@Illinois.gov)



# Attachments

- Letters of Commitment or Support
- Project Area Map
- Detailed Maps (planning only)
- Mapping File(s)
- W-9
- Proof of current federally-negotiated indirect rate (if applicable)

Email one copy to [DNR.CMP@illinois.gov](mailto:DNR.CMP@illinois.gov)

Mail one copy to our office

# Maps

We use the maps that applicants provide to:

- 1) confirm project is eligible
- 2) look at the geographic spread of projects
- 3) determine congressional districts
- 4) submit planning projects for environmental review
- 5) create maps for our website and for grant announcement press conferences



# Examples of “Good” versus “What not to do” maps from Application Instructions





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## Common Mapping Issues:

- Tilt and Compass should be reset
- Unneeded layers make maps hard to read
- Should be zoomed to show sites **and** Coastal Zone Boundary



# Application Tips

- Answer clearly and completely: questions correspond to scoring criteria
- Answer all parts of multi-part questions
- Follow instructions



# Application Tips

- **Budget Form:** Most common issues= problems with the personnel and contractual budget lines. If a person does not work for the applicant organization, they should be listed as contractual.





# Small Grants

\$1000 – \$5000



# Small Grants- Basic Information

- **Minimum Grant:** \$1,000      **Maximum Grant:** \$5,000
- Match is encouraged and will improve competitiveness, but is not required
- Up to approx. 10 projects totaling up to \$40,000 will be funded
- Maximum 2 applications per applicant organization
- 12-month grants
- Projects must be in Lake or Cook Counties in IL and must address one of our environmental priorities

**Application Deadline: January 29, 2016, 5pm**

# Small Grants- What can we fund?

- Short-term Environmental Education and Outreach Projects
- Creation and printing of maps, booklets, posters, etc.
- Symposiums, conferences, workshops, nature festivals, etc.
- Educational or Interpretive Signage on public property within the Illinois Coastal Zone
- Special Request- funds projects which don't fit into the descriptions above but which fit our environmental priorities.

**Please note- No food will be funded**

# Small Grants- Application Process

- Application Form
- W-9
- Letters of Support/Commitment

**Sign, scan, and email the application to [DNR.CMP@illinois.gov](mailto:DNR.CMP@illinois.gov) and mail a copy to our address**

# Small Grants- Application Process

The Application Form asks for the following:

- Contact Information
- Project Description (answer all questions)
- Budget



Version Date: 11/01/2014

## Grant Budget Instructions

Please provide a full breakdown of costs for your project, including personnel. *Food is not an eligible cost.* If you need more room, please attach additional sheets.

Item	Description of cost	Amount
Example: Venue Cost	Room reservation fee- 2 hours/week x 26 weeks @ \$12/hr	\$624

## 10. BUDGET- GRANT REQUEST

Item	Description of cost	Amount



# Small Grants- Application Scoring

- Project meets a clear and important need.....4 points
- Project is expected to be successful in the time allowed.....4 points
- Project fits well with the goals of our funding source.....4 points
- Project impact is expected to be significant.....4 points
- Applicant has resources and ability to complete project.....4 points
- Applicant provides matching funds.....up to 4 points



# Other Announcements

- Illinois Biodiversity Field Trip grant applications are due 1/31/16. Applications are available at: <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/education/Pages/grants.aspx>. Eligible applicants= school teachers. These grants are not federally funded and can be used as match for Coastal Grants.
- Openlands and the Chicago Botanic Garden are hosting a Grant Writing Workshop on January 15, 2016 at SSMMA in Hazel Crest. For more information, contact Daniella Pereira at [dpereira@openlands.org](mailto:dpereira@openlands.org)



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# Questions?

# Thanks for Coming!

